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SUBJECT: DR. ALFREDO LUNA TOBAR, NEW ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR TO
JAPAN

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1. THE ECUADOREAN FONMIN RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THE APPOINT-
MENT OF DR. ALFREDO LUNA TOBAR AS AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN.

2. PRIOR TO THIS APPOINTMENT LUNA HAD BEEN AMBASSADOR TO
BRAZIL (1974-76) AND PERU (1971-74). HE ALSO SERVED FOR
A BRIEF TIME AS SUB-SECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS.

3. LUNA, A LAWYER BY TRAINING, IS A CAREER DIPLOMAT WHO
JOINED THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN 1949. DURING HIS CAREER
HE HAS BEEN CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH MATTERS OF ECUADOREAN
SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, AND HE HAS
SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE MFA'S DEPARTMENT OF TERRITORIAL
SOVEREIGNTY.

4. LUNA IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO CHILDREN. HE SPEAKS
LIMITED ENGLISH. HE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS QUOTE A QUITE
AND COLORLESS PERSON UNQUOTE, BUT HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN
APPROACHABLE BY EMBASSY OFFICERS.

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